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SA PRESS HAD KIND WORDS FOR ZAMBIA

1. THE AUGUST 29 RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTS A LUSAKA INTERVIEW IN WHICH SAM NUJOMA CLAIMS THAT SA PLANES WERE STILL BOMBING PARTS OF ZAMBIA'S WESTERN PROVINCE MONDAY. NUJOMA ALSO REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT SADF USED ARMS, TANKS, AND FRENCH MIRAGE JETS IN THE SESHEKE DISTRICT ATTACK. A SADF SPOKESMAN, RESPONDING TO THE ALLEGATIONS, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, " IT MUST HAVE BEEN A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY ON MR. NUJOMA'S PART..... SOUTH AFRICA HAS COMPLETED ITS FOLLOW-UP OPERATIONS..."

2. IN AN AUGUST 29 EDITORIAL ENTITLED " A PLUS POINT,"
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THE AFRIKAANS DAILY OGGENDBLAD SAYS, " THE SILENCE OVER THE SA EXPEDITION INTO ZAMBIA CONTINUES... THE WORLD DOESN'T COMPLAIN (ABOUT THE MILITARY ACTION) BECAUSE ZAMBIA DOESN'T COMPLAIN... WHY IS ZAMBIA SO QUIET?... PERHAPS IT'S ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA THAT SWAPO IS HIT BACK. AND THERE COULD BE TWO REASONS FOR THAT. ONE COULD BE THAT HE HAS TOO MANY TERRORISTS FROM OTHER LANDS INSIDE HIS BORDERS. THERE IS EVEN TALK THAT HIS ARMY IS NOT

CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING THE TERRORISTS OF NKOMO AND NUJOMA...
THE SECOND AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT REASON IS THAT PRESIDENT
KAUNDA WANTS THE SWA ISSUE SETTLED... EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT ALWAYS
LOOK THAT WAY FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ACTIONS, IT IS IN ZAMBIA'S
INTEREST TO HAVE THE PROBLEMS AROUND HER IN SWA AND RHODESIA
AS QUICKLY AND PEACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE SOLVED. STABILITY IN HER
NEIGHBOURING STATES WILL GREATLY HELP IN BEGINNING TO GET
THE ECONOMIC CHAOS IN ZAMBIA UNDER CONTROL. ZAMBIA'S SILENCE MUST
THEREFORE BE SEEN AS A PLUS POINT FOR THE SWA SETTLEMENT. IT MAKES
IT A BIT HARDER FOR SWAPO TO GO ON WITH ITS TERROR...".
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